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City School Board Looking At 50¢ Lunch Price Hike

By CYNDI MADDOX

Parents with children attending Elba City Schools may be forced to dole out \$1.25 per day for lunches next year. The City Board of Education discussed the possibility of hiking lunch prices at their recent monthly meeting from the current 75 cents to \$1.15 or even \$1.25 per day next fall in order to cover the costs of preparing the meals.

Superintendent Elmer Taylor told the school board members that the federal government currently reimburses schools 40 cents per student for each one eating in the lunchroom. However, this is expected to be stopped as a result of President Ronald Reagan's economic cuts. Schools are also reimbursed 63 cents for students on reduced lunch plans and 83 cents for those eating free.

In order to break even in the lunchroom, Taylor said prices must be raised or the school board must take a look at other alternatives such as centralizing a lunchroom. Last month, County Superintendent Johnny Vaughan told his board there is a possibility that the county schools may close all their lunchroom operations. Elba Middle School Principal Charles Pearce told the board that he has not been able to generate enough money through the lunchroom program this year to pay its operating expenses.

"Since January, we are running at about a \$3,000 deficit in the lunchroom. I would like to be able to feed for 75 cents a day forever. But we're feeding for 75 cents and it is costing us a dollar to prepare," said Pearce.

Marion Brunson, principal of the elementary school, said he has been able to avoid problems such as those plaguing Pearce because the majority of his students eat in the lunchroom, while many of the middle school students prefer taking their own lunches.

"And if we go up with these lunches, the principals might as well get ready to have an even larger number carrying lunches," noted board member Paul King.

Taylor said he is planning to study several alternatives lunchroom programs at other schools before recommending a hike in prices.

The board also gave attorney Kenneth Fuller the final go-ahead in filing a \$150,000 lawsuit against Celotex Corporation of Atlanta for water damage at Elba Middle School as a result of a leaking roof.

"It's obvious that they can't fix the roof. They've said themselves for several years that they can't repair the roof," said Fuller. He read a letter from one Celotex official which stated that they had tried to put a water-tight roof on the building, "but to no avail".

Celotex constructed the roof at the school and according to several teachers, the roof has leaked since the first year the facility opened, nine years ago. The school board has been trying to negotiate with the company for the past several years to replace the roof, but no solution has been reached.

"We're of the opinion that because of their negligent roof over the last several years that we can recover the damage for the interior," noted Fuller. He said architects have estimated a

new roof to cost approximately \$75,000 and the interior of the building has suffered approximately \$75,000 damage.

The suit is being filed in federal court since Celotex is a foreign-owned corporation. The company's officials will have 20 days to answer the board's suit. Fuller predicted that Celotex will go ahead and replace the roof instead of going to court.

The board unanimously approved Donald Lawford as the new coordinator of the Trade and Industrial Education program at Elba High School. The position became open when David Stokes resigned to enter a private business.

Lawford has taught welding at the vocational center for the past eight years. He has a degree in Vocational and Industrial Education from Athens State College. Other applicants for the job included Buddy Windham, Mike Carney, and Dale Crowe. The motion to name Lawford to the post was made by Doug Martin and seconded by Lois Holt.

The principals' recommendations for next year's teaching staff were approved by a 2-1 vote. Mrs. Holt opposed one of the recommendations at the junior high school, therefore she voted against the slate of teachers.

A tentative calendar for the 1981-82 school year was approved with school starting August 21 and ending May 27. Holidays include Labor Day, September 1; Veterans Day, November 10; Thanksgiving, November 26-27; Christmas, December 17-January 4; Washington's Birthday, February 15; AEA, March 8-23; and Good Friday, April 16.



MANGLED CAR PULLED FROM BENEATH TRUCK

Commission's Legal Fees Continue To Pile Up -- Approaching \$20,000

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 11, at the courthouse in Enterprise and paid a legal bill to the law firm of Rowe, Rowe and Sawyer, in the amount of \$12,535. All but \$800 of the amount is for continuing services concerning the commission's apparently endless court battle with B.Z. Reynolds.

The lawsuit, officially listed as B.Z. Reynolds, Et ALS vs. Coffee County Commission, was first taken to court several years ago in an effort to force the commission to build a jail in Enterprise. Judge Arthur Gamble ordered the jail to be built, but it is still only on the drawing board, and the commission is still dodging papers which have been filed to hold the commission in contempt of court for their failure to build a jail. It became quite evident at Monday's meeting that the suit is costing the county more and more money every day.

In a detailed expense voucher, the law firm reported it had worked 416 hours on the case, and at \$40 an hour, the total would be \$16,640. A total of \$595 in added expenses was listed, bringing the total for work on the case to \$17,235. A payment of \$5,500 was made on August 29, 1979, leaving the county with an outstanding bill for \$11,735.

The additional \$800 in legal fees was for 20 hours work done on a suit by Dothan architect Joseph Donofrio, who contends the commission has a binding

contract with him to design a new jail to be built in Coffee County. This suit is also continuing, and the legal fees will undoubtedly continue to grow.

Payment of the complete \$12,535 was made upon unanimous approval by the commission.

Monday's bi-monthly meeting began at 10:00 a.m., with the first visitor being Mr. A.D. Ryals of the Alabama Highway Department. He reported a small project at Curtis to rework an intersection had been completed, and land along the old roadway had been abandoned. The state had deeded the old right-of-way back to the county, and Ryals asked the commission to deed it back to the original landowners. The commission voted to deed the land back to the landowners as requested.

New Brockton Police Chief Gordon Lueck addressed the commission and asked for permission to repair the county's ice machine at the Farm Center and to continue using it. The New Brockton A Club uses the machine for various events, and under a previous agreement has been responsible for its upkeep. The commission authorized Chief Lueck to have the machine repaired and also voted to let him move the machine to the town's rescue squad building. The chief agreed to keep the machine accessible to county employees.

Buddy DeVaughan, a member of the Coffee County Program for Retarded

Citizens, met with the commission and discussed the agency's summer program, of which he is the director. DeVaughan explained the summer program (a 6-week class) is in jeopardy due to a lack of funds. He reported the program's total expenses ran \$5,600 last year, but that several cuts in grants had been made. He also told the group the program was the only one of its kind and that it provided recreational activities to 35 students from throughout the county. The commission voiced support for the program, but made no promise of funds.

A resolution adopted by the Enterprise City Council was passed out, which pledged support to help re-establish Bama Mills (an industry recently closed in Enterprise). The resolution asked the commission to give tax-exempt status to the industry for a period of up to 5 years. The request drew no reaction at first, but the commission later asked County Attorney Warren Rowe to check into the legality of the request.

A letter from the Curtis Water and Fire Protection Authority seeking the appointment of a board member drew a definite rejection from the commission. Commissioner Rex Boutwell stated he felt more individuals in the authorities should have a voice in electing board members, and asked his fellow commissioners to add an amendment to the authorities' by-laws stating elections would be held at an annual meeting.

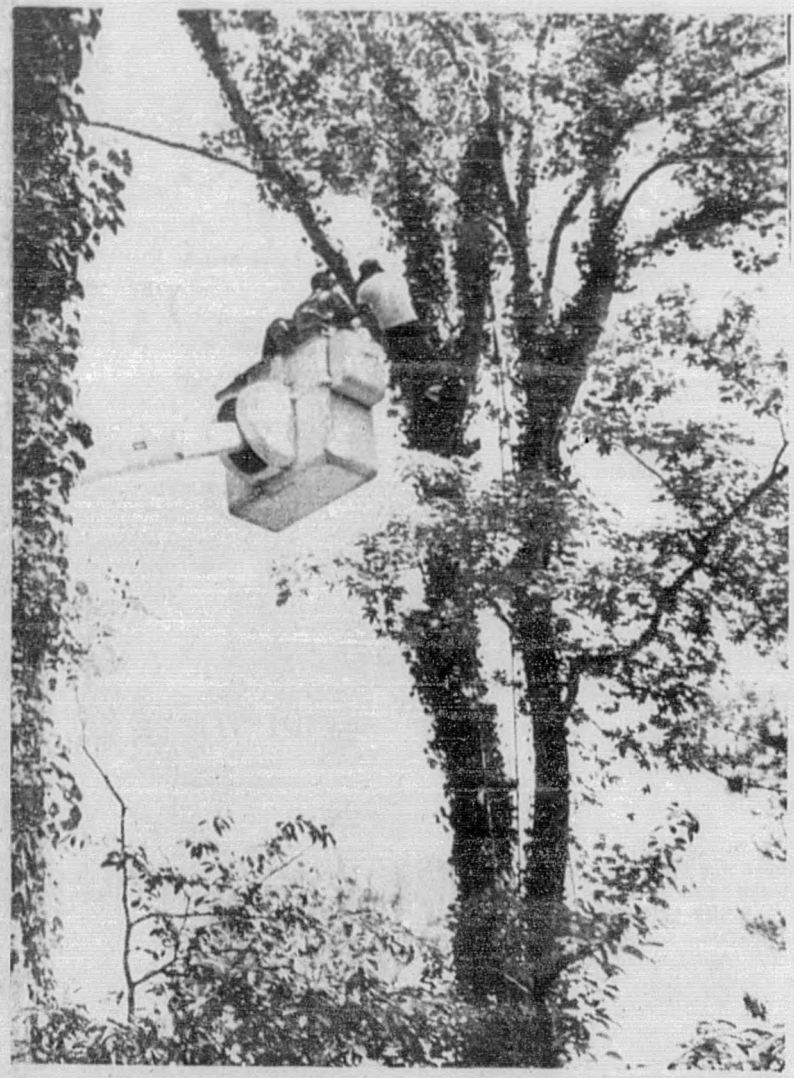
The commission then voted to notify each water authority in the county that it should hold a meeting to elect appoint directors, and that only users would be eligible to hold office. The commission asked each authority to adopt the policy as an amendment to their by-laws.

Sheriff Bruce Paul was back at Monday's meeting and stated, "I've still got a problem at the jail. With four jailers we must use a deputy part-time (eight hours a week) at the jail. With vacation time coming up, we're going to be in trouble."

The sheriff reported he had \$3,900 left in his budget for jail repairs, and he could use all but \$1000 to pay a part-time jailer to work eight hours a week and 40 hours week during a full-time worker's vacation. The commission approved the plan and stated only minimum wage would be paid.

Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns told the commission that steps must be taken to physically combine the offices of tax assessor and tax collector. He reported some walls must be removed in Enterprise, while in Elba the current assessor's office must swap places with the commission office. Burns stated, "This must be done in order to have an efficient office."

Commissioner Charlie Mack Martin voiced his support of Burns' request,



KENNETH CALHOUN, of Calhoun Tree Service, suffered severe cuts on the arm Saturday in a chain saw accident while trimming trees at a home on Smith Avenue. Calhoun reportedly suffered cuts on the left arm when a limb he was cutting fell back against his whirling chain saw and kicked the saw into his left arm. Members of the Elba Rescue Squad utilized a bucket truck of the Elba Water and Electric Department to get to Calhoun and give him first aid for the bleeding. He was then taken to Elba General Hospital for treatment.

One Injured Monday Night In Crash With Trailer Rig

A car-tractor-trailer collision Monday evening about 7:30 resulted in serious injury to Kenneth Dale Maddox, age 16, of Elba. Maddox was driving a 1970 Pontiac Lemans Sport south on Adkinson Street when it collided in the intersection with the tractor-trailer traveling east on Simmons Street. Driver of the truck was listed as Michael William Howell, age 25, of Rick Hill, Missouri.

Howell told officers he had picked up a load of bolts in Mobile for delivery to Dothan. He said he slowed down again after having stopped at the previous light (Williams' Texaco) but geared back up when the light changed.

Officers said he didn't really know what happened, but remembered seeing a car coming from his left and trying to stop. He said it was possible he hit the gas pedal instead of the brake and one officer said the gas pedal was indeed broken.

The car and truck traveled 212 feet from the point of impact, up over the sidewalk, hit a utility pole and stopped back on the street, blocking traffic for over two hours.

Ken Howell, who lives nearby and heard the crash, rushed to the scene and discovered Maddox still had a pulse

but was not breathing. He administered first aid, opened the victim's air passage and managed to get him breathing again. During the time others were struggling to rip open the jammed door, Howell continued to administer first aid to Maddox, restarting breathing each time it stopped, until the rescue squad arrived. Howell continued to administer aid to Maddox enroute to the hospital.

Maddox was treated at the local hospital for head injuries and later transferred to Montgomery where he is reportedly still in critical condition.



COMMISSIONERS MARVIN BOWDEN AND EUGENE BRADLEY

the Farm Center complex to Ed Tucker for \$1900;

***was told the new reappraisal program had started in the county and that every parcel of land in the county will be affected;

***changed the meeting time of the bi-monthly meetings to 9:00 a.m.;

***voted to send out invitations to bid on a set of beds for a dragline;

***appointed Gilmer Grant to the Community Health Board, and

***paid bills.

POOR ORIGINAL

Brainstorms

With Ferrin Cox

Monday evening ye ole editor just happened to be among the first to arrive at the wreck scene on West Simmons Street where the tractor-trailer and car had collided, seriously injuring a teenage boy. We parked a block away and briskly walked up to see if there were any injuries. When we walked around the front of the truck we immediately saw there were injuries, and someone trying to administer first aid. We didn't push to get a bird's eye view of the efforts, and didn't even know until two hours later that it was Kenneth Howell who was administering life-saving first aid to the youth.

Bystanders began to pile up in the area, ignoring traffic and leaking fuel and gasoline. Unfortunately they also ignored the needs of the youth in their eagerness to "see what was going on." While Howell struggled to keep the youth breathing, and others strained to open the jammed car door, there were others who appeared to be just out there who wanted to get a view of the bloody scene inside the crushed car.

We attempted to assist the police, who were by now on the scene, by directing some of the automobile traffic away from the scene. That itself was no easy chore. Time after time we encountered potential onlookers who wanted to drive right up to the scene in complete disregard to the danger or the need to keep the street open for emergency vehicles. It is ironic that firemen and rescue workers who came on their private vehicles to work the accident didn't need advice on where to park... they automatically parked out of the way, but those with curiosity were a bit hard to slow down.

There were a number of people at the scene Monday evening willing and eager to give assistance, and they are always appreciated, but a few inconsiderate people sure can foul up things for the victims and the rescue efforts.

Our concern for the potential problems that could befall innocent bystanders is so strong this week it is impossible to give proper credit to Ken Howell and those who assisted him in the first minutes following the accident. These folks literally saved the life of a young man who had already stopped breathing.

College-Service News

LOCAL CO-ED HONORED

Tina Wynne Goodson of New Brockton is among 14 Troy State University students selected for membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, a national scholastic honor society for freshmen. Miss Goodson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodson, is majoring in computer and informational science at TSU. Election to membership in the society requires a 2.5 overall grade point average on a 3.0 scale.

PVT. JAMES WILLIAMS

Marine Pvt. James E. Williams Jr., son of James E. Williams Sr. of Kinston, recently participated in live fire training at Fort Bragg, N.C. He is a member of Headquarters Battery, 10th Marines, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The 20-day exercise consisted of regimental level exercises and individual tactical exercises, involving firing nearly 9,000 rounds of live ordnance. Weapons used by the battery included 105mm towed howitzers, 155mm towed and self-propelled howitzers and 175mm self-propelled guns.

MICHAEL HAYGENS

Michael Haygens, son of Eleanor Haygens of Route 2, Kinston, recently received the silver wings of an Army aviator and was appointed as a warrant officer upon completion of the rotary wing aviator course at the U.S. Army Aviation School at Fort Rucker. The course provided training in leadership and helicopter flying techniques as well as instrument flying.

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WEIGHT WATCHERS -- Elba High School library, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

ROTARY CLUB -- Monday, noon-Holley's Restaurant

EASTERN STAR -- 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.

ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. -- Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.--Holley's Restaurant

ELBA JAYCEES -- 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.--WELB.

ELBA CITY COUNCIL -- 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6 p.m.

ELBA LIONS CLUB -- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.--Holley's Restaurant

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD -- 1st Thursday, 5 p.m.--Superintendent's office

BPW -- 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.--Holley's Restaurant

AMERICAN LEGION -- 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.--Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

BOY SCOUTS -- Mondays, 7 p.m.--City Pool

WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD -- 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m.--City Hall

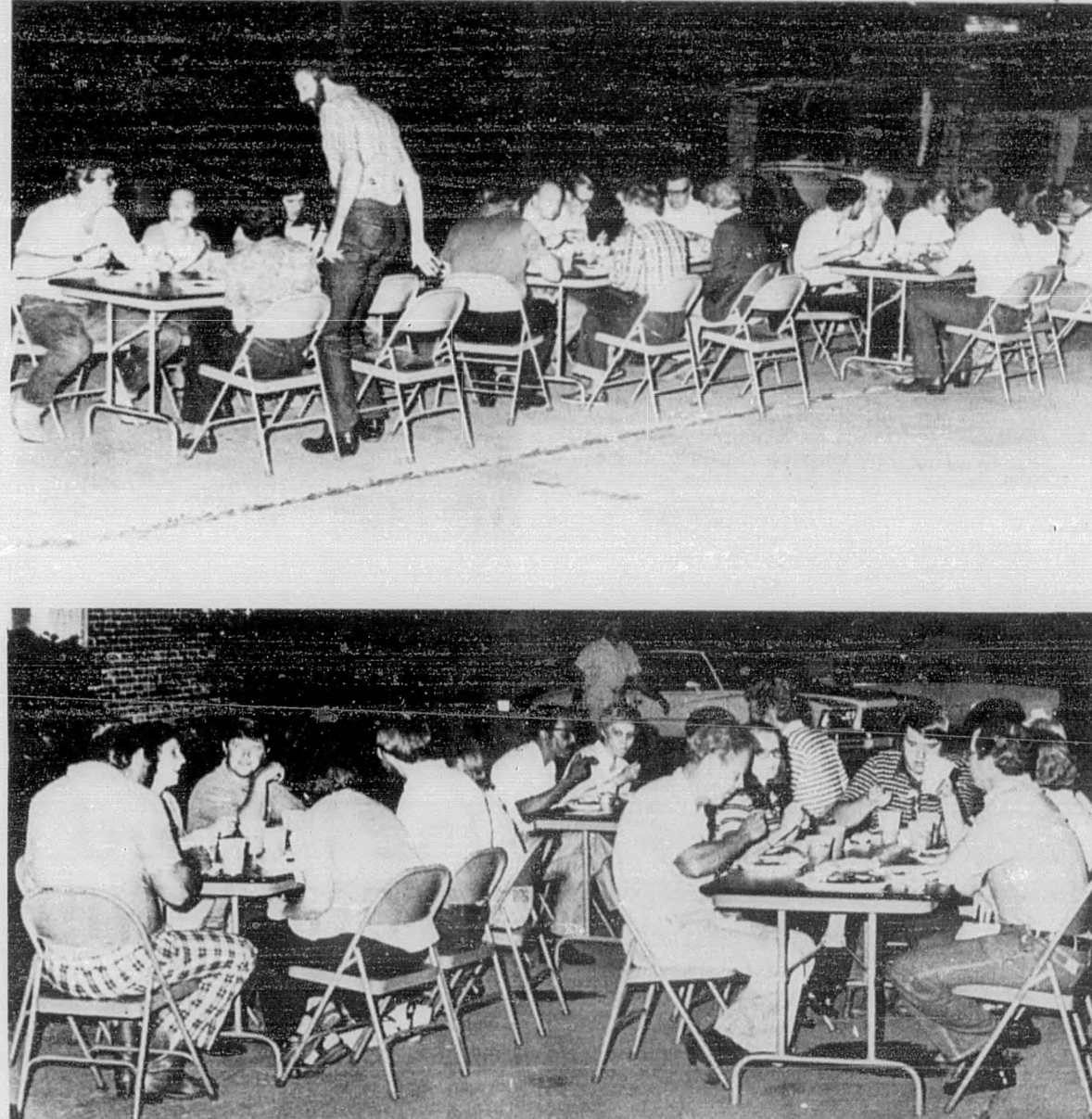
ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 -- 1st & 3rd Saturday nights; 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.

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VENISON COOKOUT



ELBA HIGH SCHOOL AND JR. HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS ENJOYED A RECENT COOKOUT AT THE HOME OF ROLAND AND PAT POWELL. THE POWELLS FURNISHED THE MEAT WHICH WAS VENISON BURGERS

AND STEAKS FROM THE ABUNDANT SUPPLY IN THEIR FREEZER, AND COOKED ON THE GRILL. THE GUESTS FINISHED OUT THE MENU WITH VARIOUS COVERED DISHES.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

I like to take up a little of your space this week to do a little bragging. This is pertaining to one of the new services added to Covington County.

I am a cancer patient, and emphysema. I had been sick and out of work since last May. I had applied for my SS, and repeatedly been turned down. I was at my road's end and I didn't know which way to turn or what to do.

I had written and called everybody in this state, anybody I thought might be able to help me - to no avail. Everything I did led to a dead end because, see, I was broke, all my savings long since gone. I lost everything I had due to my illness, as everyone gets a dreaded illness does not pick its prey. It strikes the rich, middle class and the poor alike.

I would have called myself middle - I had a fairly good job, was getting along when - boom!! - I lost it all. I called the bar association - they informed me I could see a lawyer if I paid \$15.00 for the first 30 minutes. Well, I went to see a lawyer - he told me he would charge something like \$250 just to travel to Evergreen.

Where in Heaven's name would I get this kind of money? I couldn't. I am living with my daughter and the next time it could be one of your family of 4 children and

husband. The last thing any mother wants is to be dependent on the children. The last thing any husband needs is his mother-in-law breathing down his neck, with only 3 bedrooms. What would I do?

The Welfare Department turned me down flat - I had no small children. I went to Montgomery once a month for my doctor's appointments which the fine department said for my transportation (bless them). They also bought my medicine.

I went for this one appointment and this very good friend of mine in Montgomery asked me if I had tried Legal Aid. I had never heard of it. I came back home and found out it was in Dothan. There I was again - I had no transportation. While I was hashing it out trying to figure something, they were busy establishing an office in Andalusia. Hallelujah!!!

The very next day I went over to see Mrs. Rose. I was treated like a queen. What a relief to have somebody just take over and help me out. I had all the facts but I didn't know how to put them together. A lawyer does this. This cost me nothing.

I would like to ask each and everyone of you out there who have money and can help this service to stay in Andalusia, to please do so, because you never know - the next time it could be one of your family of 4 children and

POLICE DOCKET

The following are excerpts from the actual police log of the Elba Police Department from May 5 through May 11. (All names have been omitted):

TUESDAY, MAY 5

11:30 a.m. - A doctor requests the Rescue Squad transfer a patient from a Montgomery hospital to Elba.
3:31 p.m. - Woman caller reported a man on a brown and white car possibly drunk, on 87 North near Zion Chapel.
1:08 p.m. - Woman caller requested Rescue Squad on 84 East near Sanders Garage, car on side of road.
10:57 p.m. - Male caller reported a prowler on Claxton Avenue.
11:31 p.m. - Unidentified caller advised of a possible drunk driver on a 69 Bonneville, on 84 West

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

6:47 a.m. - Man reported fire coming from a transformer on Cedar Lane Drive.
7:45 a.m. - Woman caller reported power off on Reese Avenue.
11:05 a.m. - Woman caller requested assistance with bull in her garden.
1:44 p.m. - Male caller requested Rescue Squad at Matthews Grocery.
2:15 p.m. - Woman caller requested police at Pleasant Avenue, a man had a gun after another man.
6:49 p.m. - Male caller reported his bilfold was taken from him while he was asleep at home.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

6:12 a.m. - Male caller reported a stray dog on South Morrow Street.
8:58 a.m. - Lady caller reported wild hogs in Kennedy Estates.
10:48 a.m. - Greenville police reported an escaped prisoner from Work Release Center.
10:05 p.m. - Male caller reported trash fell from truck in front of Dorsey.
10:25 p.m. - Lady caller requested police at her residence.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

8:14 a.m. - Male caller from Putnam Street complained of a German Shepherd tearing up his garden.
10:18 a.m. - Caller from Elba General Hospital requested Rescue Squad transfer a patient to a Dothan hospital.
11:07 a.m. - Woman caller advised a white dog is running loose on Guyton and Plant.
11:23 a.m. - Male caller requested Rescue Squad at home on Thomas Ave.
3:01 p.m. - Patrolman issued a citation for reckless driving to a New Brockton man.
3:41 p.m. - Male caller advised of a wreck at intersection of Reese and Hickman.
6:32 p.m. - Lady in station advised of a hole in the road on Smith Avenue.
7:48 p.m. - Male caller advised someone stole his wife's bilfold.
7:54 p.m. - Lady caller advised a dog had been run over in Brookdale.

MONDAY, MAY 11

1:35 a.m. - Lady caller requested police at Elm Street.
6:25 a.m. - Lady caller complained of a dog in her yard on Taylor Mill Road.
4:39 p.m. - CB'er requested police at a home on Brunson Circle.
5:28 p.m. - Male caller requested to talk to police at Co-Lin Trailer Park.
7:36 p.m. - Caller reported a wreck with injuries on Simmons Street, near Mullins house.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

12:57 a.m. - Caller from Elba Hospital requested police, subject involved in a fight.
1:12 a.m. - Caller from Elba hospital requested Rescue Squad transfer a patient to a Dothan hospital.
2:42 a.m. - Caller from Elba hospital requested police go to a woman's home and take her to hospital.
7:35 a.m. - Woman caller reported a blackout on Claxton Avenue.
7:49 a.m. - Man in station reported a car in road on 189 North with subject slumped over wheel.
12:12 p.m. - Male caller advised of a white car parked behind Reserve Center.
12:54 p.m. - Woman caller from Taylor Mill Road complained of dog tearing up garbage.
1:20 p.m. - Caller from Elba hospital requested Rescue Squad transfer a patient to Opp.
3:03 p.m. - Caller from Elba hospital requested Rescue Squad make transfer to Dothan.
3:15 p.m. - Woman caller advised of a wreck with injuries on 87 South near Buck Mill Creek.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

1:35 a.m. - Lady caller requested police at Elm Street.
6:25 a.m. - Lady caller complained of a dog in her yard on Taylor Mill Road.
4:39 p.m. - CB'er requested police at a home on Brunson Circle.
5:28 p.m. - Male caller requested to talk to police at Co-Lin Trailer Park.
7:36 p.m. - Caller reported a wreck with injuries on Simmons Street, near Mullins house.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

1:35 a.m. - Lady caller requested police at Elm Street.
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\$10,000 DOG DIES

MRS. MYRTIE BELLE DONALDSON

Mrs. Myrtie Belle Donaldson, 67, of Elba, died Saturday, May 9, 1981. Funeral services were held May 11, at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. J.L. Hataway officiating. Burial was at Bethlehem Church.

Survivors include four sons - Austin Donaldson - Samson, Dwain Donaldson - Andalusia, Arnold Donaldson - Opp, Robert Donaldson - New Brockton, and Billy Donaldson - Elba;

four daughters - Donice Jones - Samson, Nadine Fuller - June Newman, Adella Harrison - all of Elba; her mother - Mrs. Maggie Hataway - Elba; three sisters - Alice Farris - Columbus, GA, Ada Carlie - Foley, AL; and Cora Rushing - Esto, FL; one brother - Vernon Hataway - Montgomery; 21 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren; four daughters-in-law, and two sons-in-law.

The claim, filed by attorney Tom Head, claims \$10,000 for Mr. George Mackelhaney for the loss of his three-year-old dog, "King," on May 1st of this year. Head was hesitant to discuss the matter but acknowledged he was filing the claim and produced a copy of the complaint from his files.

Head said his client had been coon hunting the night before and when "King" didn't return, he had spent many hours unsuccessfully searching for the grizzled animal.

Elba has a dog control law, better known as the "leash law" that requires dog owners in the city and police jurisdiction to keep their dogs in a pen or on a leash at all times.

According to unconfirmed reports, the animal control officer was concerned because the dog was "foaming at the mouth." However, after the animal died, tests revealed the animal was not rabid.

Dr. Phillip Hamm, who sent the head off to the state lab for testing said Wednesday he could add little to our information. Hamm said he only sent the head off, got the usual information needed for this and billed the City of Elba for the work just as he would any private citizen.

The chemical used in the tranquilizer gun was apparently Nicotine Sulphate, a chemical widely used for many years for this type work.

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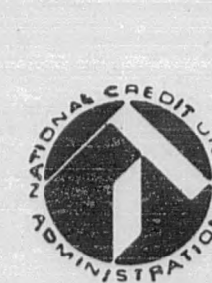
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Brownie Troop 441 Enjoys Cookout

Brownie Scout Troop 441 enjoyed a cookout with their families on Friday night, May 4, at the Coffee County Lake. Also included were games, a fishing expedition, and an Indian skit the girls performed for their parents.

In an impressive ceremony the girls received their Brownie B patch, first-year membership star, the trefol patch and the Weller Association pin as rewards for their hard work throughout the year.

Tonya King, Kim Tindol and Lori Marsh also received cookie patches.

Tonya King received a special gift for selling the most cookies, and Kim Tindol will receive gifts for selling the most magazines.

Tonya King, Christy Knighton, Jenny Hornsby, Lori Marsh, Kim Tindol, Sherry Simmons and

Antionette White were especially recognized by their leaders for being outstanding Brownies. The troop extends their appreciation to their sponsor, The Three Seasons Study Club, and a special thanks to Mrs. Ann Phelps for her help with the cookout.

At the Enterprise Civic Center, the Coffee County Arts Alliance will be held on Tuesday, May 19, at 8 p.m.

Coffee Arts Alliance To Have Meeting

The annual meeting of the Coffee County Arts Alliance will be held on Tuesday, May 19, at 8 p.m.

News From Our EARLY FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

MAY 13, 1971

***Mrs. Janice W. Smith, the former Janice Windham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Windham of Elba, was presented the Rho Chi award at the eleventh annual Awards Banquet of the School of Pharmacy at Auburn University May 4.

The award is given to a student for excellence in scholarship and who has been accepted in the professional curriculum.

***Members of Happy Times Kindergarten graduating class, taught by Mrs. Elsie Clark: Greg Bryan, David Nelson, Greg Kidd, Roger Sanders, Aaron Benefield, Chris Kelley, Mike Blocker, Troy Matthews, Greg Henderson, Donnie Byrd, Ben Mallory, Sheila Bowden, Donna Calhoun, Pam Devane, Jessica Hudson, Lisa Hines, Scarlet Rhoades, Kim Bradshaw, Myra Johnson, Anita Wilkerson, Cathy Rushing, Karen Richards, Mickey Kelley, Jill Cordeur, Dean Blair, Jesse Davis, Tim Williams, Jerrold Hatcher, Michael Kelley, Jeff Donaldson.

***Navy Ensign Patrick H. Busher, a 1970 graduate of Auburn University, was commissioned April 22 in the Naval Reserve.

The commission, presented by his brother, Captain Larry Busher, was received upon completion of the first phase of flight training at the Naval Aviation School at Pensacola.

Parents of the subscribers of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Busbee of Andalusia, and grandmother is Mrs. Ethel Dick of Elba.

***Keith Houghton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Houghton, was pleasantly surprised on Friday, May 7, when some of his classmates gave him a birthday party.

***Mrs. Lucy Capps was complimented May 9 with a birthday picnic held at the Coffee County Lake. The party, held in conjunction with her Mother's Day celebration, was in honor of her 80th birthday.

***Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carter of Savannah, Georgia, formerly of Elba, announce the birth of their daughter, Holly Denise, on April 27, at 2:05 p.m. in the Telfair Hospital, weighing six pounds and ten ounces.

***Army Staff Sergeant Richard W. Haffner, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron W. Haffner, Rt. 2, New Brockton, recently was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

***The 1971 Elba was dedicated to Mrs. Judith Butts, in a warm ceremony in the gym on May 4. She was escorted by Phil English, senior class president, David

TWENTY YEARS AGO

MAY 18, 1961

***Valedictorians and salutatorians for area schools: Zion Chapel - Patsy Wambles; Salsatorian - Jean Wilkerson.

New Brockton: Valedictorian - Patricia Hayes; Salsatorian - Ramona Wilson.

Kinston: Valedictorian - Roy Rogers; Salsatorian - Claudette Johnson.

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MAY 17, 1951

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PASTOR'S CORNER

REV. JIM ARBOGAST FIRST ASSEMBLY

PARENTS, HOW DO YOU BEHAVE IN CHURCH?

Instead of continually harping at the boys and girls to behave in church, perhaps parents need to examine their own behavior.

Not that young people should be allowed to talk and move about during the services - even though it's hard for them to sit quietly through a long service, especially when there may be very little to stimulate their interest, children need to be taught reverence and respect for the assembly of believers during worship.

But what the apostle Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 3:14, 15 was addressed to an adult, not a child. He said, "These things write unto them, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God."

How should we growups behave with respect to church? Here are some points to consider:

1. Let's open the door and enter. The New Testament warns us not to stay away from the assembly of believers. Hebrews 10:25, As Jacob said, "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven." Gen. 28:17.

2. Let's open the gates with praise. We are bidden to "enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise." (Psalm 100:4). The more you praise God, the more you have to praise Him!

3. Let's open our hearts and worship. Let us worship and bow down let us kneel before the Lord our maker." Psalm 95:6. But our

hearts must bow too - not just our knees; for God wants us to worship Him in spirit and truth, not just in form.

4. Let's open our lips and pray. Don't be afraid of your voice. God loves to hear it. There's blessing in audible prayer (Psalm 53).

5. Let's open our mouths and sing. "In psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with praise in your hearts to the Lord" - that's the New Testament pattern (Col. 3:16). Don't just listen to others sing. The Lord wants to hear your voice.

6. Let's open our purses and give. In Old Testament times, the people were required to bring their tithes into the storehouse to supply the needs of the temple and of those who served there. God said that if they would honor the Lord with their substance, and with the first fruits of all their increase, He would give them a bountiful harvest. (Proverbs 3:9, 10).

7. Let's open our eyes and look. The youth choir of the host church will sing, and present a puppet show and skit.

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Cemetery Working Planned At Fairview Baptist

There will be a cemetery working at Fairview Baptist Church Saturday, May 16.

Church Of God To Have Homecoming

The Elba Church of God will observe Homecoming this Sunday, May 17, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall, and singing to begin at 1:15. Special guest singers will be The Miller Family Gospel Singers, of Pensacola, FL.

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Old folkcraft once needed, now luxury

Quilting, an art which has existed for centuries, was the subject of an exhibit held in the home economics department during Band Day activities.

The exhibit was sponsored by Mrs. Elsie Hilton and the Future Homemakers of America. They also drew creations from things in their life which were important to them - double wedding rings and a beautiful flower garden. Even in the early days women were interested in what went on outside their own family circle and community, as evidenced by Whig's Defeat, which showed an interest in politics even in the early days.

Colonial women gained a sense of pride in cutting out small diamonds, triangles and squares to form designs which were often very intricate. They passed these patterns around among friends and as people moved out further along the frontier these patterns went with them and gradually spread across the country.

Quilting has continued to be popular and today is an art form rather than a necessity. Quilting is now enjoying a revival of interest."

Several area persons brought their quilts to Zion Chapel to be displayed at the quilt show, including Mrs. Annie Lou Rugg. These quilts were of various patterns and displayed creative craftsmanship. Mrs. Hilton also contributed several of her quilts to the show.

Mrs. Rachel Bryan added two beautiful quilts to the exhibit. One of those, made 60 years ago, is pieced out of velvet and taffeta scraps and is briar-stitched. The other quilt was made by Mrs. Bryan's grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Lou Ammons. Mrs. Ammons pieced the quilt using her husband's tobacco sacks. She took the sacks apart and dyed some of them pink while leaving the other a neutral color. It was then quilted with pink thread.

Most of the time what adults call problem behavior is perfectly normal for children at a certain stage of development. Children do not know what behavior is socially acceptable. So they try to express their natural drives in ways that are not quite acceptable. Problem behavior, behavior that makes life difficult and unsatisfactory for the child, not for the parents.

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QUICK GRITS & Get One Free!

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USDA Choice Beef

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Personally Selected USDA Choice Beef Boneless
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SLICED BACON Full Sleeve Pack lb. **99¢**

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BLEED THROUGH

Miss Kelley Is Bride Of Mr. Smedley



The wedding ceremony of Oneather Kelly to Dell Smedley was held April 11, 1981, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Hyton of Elba. The couple was joined in holy matrimony by Rev. Mose Coleman of Ozark, Alabama.

Several relatives and friends of the couple attended the ceremony and the reception that followed.

The Smedleys have established their residence in Elba.



Miss Farris To Marry Mr. Coale

The wedding of Deborah Farris and Maury Coale will be an event of June 6, at 7:30 p.m., at Basin Baptist Church. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. James Farris and Mr. and Mrs. James Coale.

All friends and relatives are invited to the wedding and reception which will be held in the church social hall immediately following the ceremony. No local invitations are being sent.

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The following items listed in the circular in this week's CLIPPER are not available:

CHANGES TO SUMMER SPECTACULAR SALE CIRCULAR

Some summer items may not be available in all stores, due to prior sales. Some items are in limited supply. Rain checks will be given on items except Ladies' Joggers, Sunbeam Grill, Grass Seed. Sale price was omitted on the Northern Hairdryer, No. 1871. Correct sale price is \$8.88.

Size on Ban Roll-On Deodorant was omitted. Correct size is 2.5 oz.

Incorrect art is shown on Reynolds Diamond Foil. Incorrect art and size has been shown on Utex Cartridges. Pkg. of 5 will sell for \$1.19; pkg. of 4 will sell for 95 cents.

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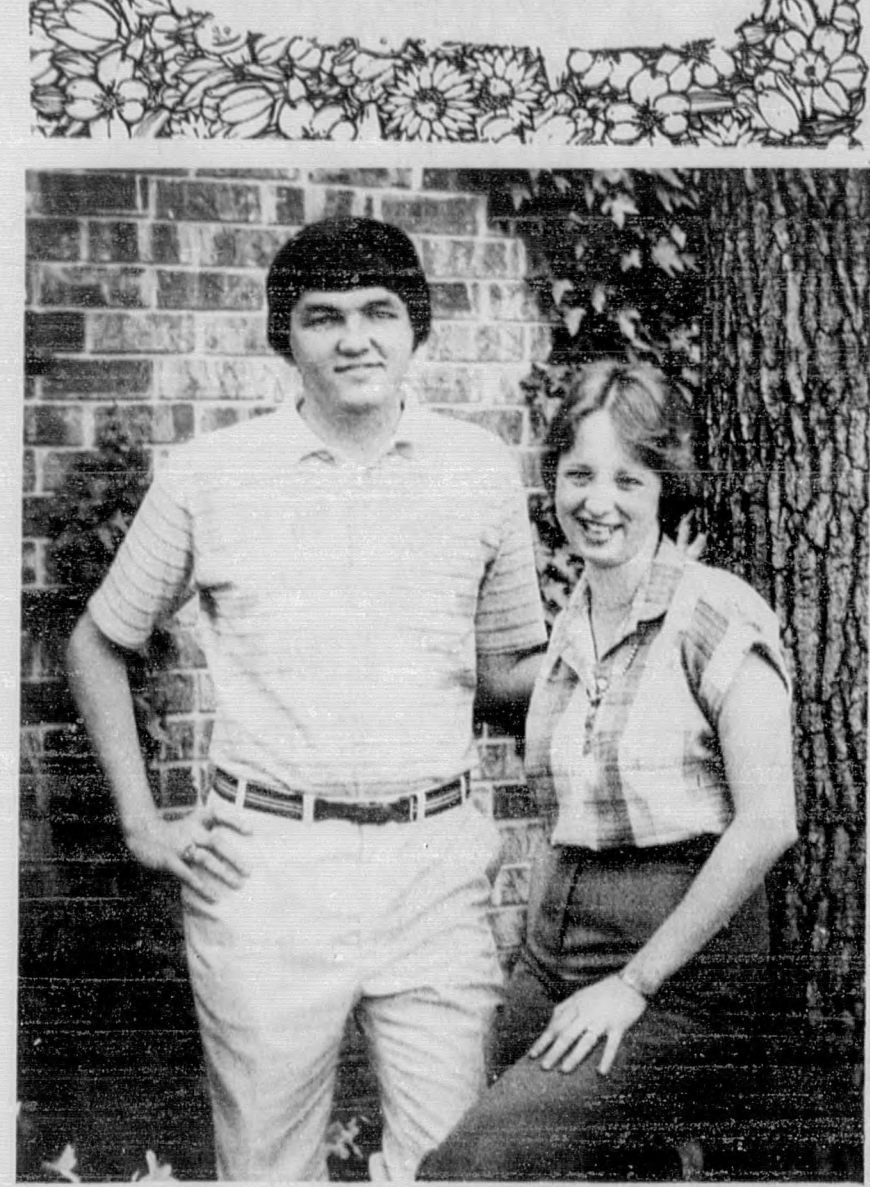
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SOCIAL HAPPENING



Ronnie Tucker & Caryl Fretwell

Miss Fretwell To Marry Mr. Tucker

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eugene Fretwell of Moulton, Alabama, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Caryl Fretwell, to Ronnie Gerald Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Tucker of Elba.

Miss Fretwell is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Fretwell of Town Creek, Alabama, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Clark Terry of Courtland, Alabama.

The bride-elect is a 1975 graduate of Lawrence County High School and a 1977 graduate of Calhoun Community College.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Crocker of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Grimes of Opp, Alabama.

Mr. Tucker is a 1975 graduate of Elba High School and a 1978 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Troy State University, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi.

He is presently employed with the Federal Land Bank Association in Andalusia, Alabama, and is a charter member and secretary of the Elba Jaycees.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday, July 11, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. at the Moulton Baptist Church, Moulton, Alabama.

No invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited.

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AROUND THE TOWN

Mrs. Nellie Martin

Excitement was everywhere! There were attractive posters, signs, newspaper articles, radio spots plus a huge number of people talking about Band Day.

Through the years Band Day has grown to be about the top on the list of school activities. Special emphasis is given to the planning and formulating of committees, group volunteers and capable leadership.

Too, there's a long roster of meaningful activities to create interest and motivation - always something most enjoyable, invigorating and satisfying for the young and those not so young.

For instance - the Women's Beauty contest - the caliber of that show would relieve any monotony or boredom.

There were 37 typical contestants in pursuit of elegance and the coveted title of Miss Band Day '81 Sweetheart.

They were in all sizes, and shapes - yet most feminine. They possessed self-confidence and tried to create ladylike facial expressions.

Somehow their escalating and vigorous talents seemed more or less to be competing in an afterglow of hair tonic commercial. They displayed determination to be most attractive, yet they were just plain men models with unfortunate shapes.

Their greatest asset seemed to be entirely relaxation, and being able to do their own thing in their own way. Their personal ego changed like a spring lizard basking in the sunshine on a rock.

The distinctive and provocative perfume was like a morning fog drifting over the stage - its fragrance was almost irresistible and comical - the smiles that were so warm and sensuous.

The highly stylized formalism seemed to have been custom-made for each model, and for this particular entertainment. They were most imaginative in style, line, color and fit - gowns that showed off to advantage the little contour of the body.

They were very dressy, yet with a bit of lively individuality. Some creations were marked by stylish slits in revealing places.

These 37 models had charm, humor and were totally uncalculated. W. an unmitigated air of mystery prevailed with their hair styles. Too, the hair collection and usage helped to complement the hair styles.

As far as accessories - they were plentiful, well-matched, but somewhat unattractive. Their general appearance bore the look of excess or surplus baggage!

The capable and distinctive judges wrestled over and over before making their choices - they should be commended on their final decisions.

Nevertheless, the audience agreed and also thought each of these attractive models was most elegant and graceful. However, she counts it a joy and blessing.

Daughter Jacqueline is expected home soon from Huntsville A.M. College. She only plans a few days at home, and then it's back to school. She will be working on her third-year curriculum.

I'm not sure of her plans after college.

Then there's Willie Taft, who is a popular member of the 8th grade in Elba High. He is also a determined football player. Good luck all the way, Willie Taft - you have the best instructors and coaches to help you become an outstanding athlete. Elba likes to receive notoriety.

Yes, they were there! Who? Well, there were some from Opp, Enterprise, Troy, Banks and Elba that I could identify. As for as the other hundred or so, I'll assure you they were not all hatched on those premises.

It was the auction sale in Glenwood. Entertaining? Yes - if you have - or if you don't. That auctioneer's chant settles securely in your mind and it's there!

We registered, at a sumptuous country dinner and sat back. I'd picked out three items - two of them landed in a collection. They were Mr. No. 55 was the buyer.

Finally, I went to the storage room found articles I wanted. A friendly assistant took one piece to left Glenwood with three priceless treasures and I was

capable electronics engineer; he received special recognition for his ingenuity as well as continuity as a progressive dealer in his general area.

So, thanks to Mae Snell-grove for inviting me, and to Cupid's Creek for helping me swing that deal. I loved every minute of it - and hopefully I'll be lucky again.

Mrs. T.B. Bryan, on North Claxton, is known as a prepared hostess. She possesses that psychic resilience by which she can face alternatives not necessarily known in advance.

After a visit a few days ago from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bryan of Jasper, along with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bryan and T.J. of Birmingham, she was looking forward to Mother's Day.

Then this past Wednesday she was all ready for the monthly meeting of the Azalea Garden Club. Mrs. Flournoy Whitman and I offered our assistance, but I'll assure you our task was light and easy.

A friend is one who strengthens you with his prayers, blesses you with his love, and encourages you with his hope.

If a person has faith worth having, he must give it up or give it away.

Be not inclined toward hasty words. Think before you start. There's nothing good in a bitter tongue.

That comes from a bitter heart.

This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:12

Birth Announcements

ANNA FALLON HALL

Kenneth and Janice Hall announce the birth of a daughter, Anna Fallon, on April 10, 1981, at Patee Hospital in Albany, Georgia. Fallon weighed 10 lbs. 8 oz.

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MELBA TILL ALLEN---

Maintains organized crime behind 'set up'

By CYNDI MADDOX

For more than three years, the threat of an extended prison sentence loomed over Melba Till Allen as she sat through trials, received her conviction, and awaited legal appeals. Even though the sentence has been served, the former state treasurer still maintains that she was not guilty of Ethics Law violations and that she was "set up" by organized crime.

"I really wanted a new trial so bad, because the transcripts proved I was innocent on both counts. I still maintain that I did not violate the Ethics Law," stated Allen during an interview following her speech to the American Legion in Elba last week.

She and Phillip Hamm, retired president of George C. Wallace State Junior College in Dothan, were the guest speakers at last Thursday night's American Legion meeting, which honored Coffee County's Boys and Girls State delegation.

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Elbians Win At Piney Woods Arts Festival

Elba people were among the winners at the recent 7th annual Piney Woods Arts Festival held on the campus of Enterprise State Junior College.

In the adult division, Mary Louise Collier won a "Judge's award."

Among the elementary art winners who received first place - blue ribbon - was Mona Kelley, 3rd grade.

Elba Elementary School Second place winners in the elementary division - red ribbons - included: Katie Rushing, 3rd grade; Whitney Wise - 4th; Phil Bogan - 3rd; Third place winners with white ribbons included: Rickey Dease, New Hope, 3rd grade; Catherine King, Elba, 3rd grade.

Children Win In Special Olympics Recently

The District Special Olympics were held Saturday, April 18, at Ft. Rucker. Forty-one students from Elba City Schools participated in the 50-meter run, 200-meter run, 400-meter relay, standing long jump, softball and frisbee throw, and basketball free-throw. Students who won ribbons are:

Daniel Gullion - 2nd - 50-meter run, 3rd - long jump.

Bobby Spurlin - 1st - 50-meter run, 1st - long jump.

Hopie Moulton - 4th - 50-meter run, 4th - long jump.

Alex Thomas - 2nd - free throw, 3rd - 50-meter run, 4th - softball throw.

Pat Henderson - 2nd - softball throw.

Tatiana Thomas - 2nd - 50-meter run, 4th - softball throw.

Shea Hornsby - 4th - softball throw, 4th - free throw.

Laura Mullins - 2nd - long jump, 3rd - softball throw, 4th - free throw.

Enzell Thomas - 2nd - long jump, 3rd - softball throw, 4th - free throw.

Timothy Caldwell - 1st - 50-meter run, 2nd - free throw, 3rd - long jump.

Michelle Stoudemire - 1st - 50-meter run, 1st - long jump.

Jerry Johnson - 3rd - 50-meter run, 4th - 200-meter run.

Edith Hill - 1st - softball throw, 3rd - 50-meter run.

Dorothy Coleman - 1st - long jump, 3rd - 50-meter run, 4th - free throw.

Elaire Thomas - 1st - long jump, 1st - 50-meter run, 2nd - free throw.

Pat Hooks - 1st - free throw, 2nd - long jump, 2nd - 50-meter run.

Steven Thomas - 2nd - long jump, 3rd - 50-meter run.

Tyrene Crawford - 1st - long jump, 2nd - free throw, 3rd - 50-meter run.

Waverly Crawford - 3rd - long jump, 3rd - 50-meter run, 4th - free throw.

Jessie Whitfield - 1st - long jump, 1st - free throw, 3rd - softball throw.

Shelia Phillips - 4th - 50-meter run, 4th - long jump.

Tony Johnson - 1st - long jump, 4th - 50-meter run.

Rodney Stoudemire - 3rd - long jump, 4th - 50-meter run.

Melanie Hall - 1st - long jump, 1st - 50-meter run.

Nancy Johnson - 1st - frisbee throw, 2nd - softball throw, 4th - free throw.

Timmy Johnson - 2nd - softball throw, 4th - 50-meter run.

Floyd Coleman - 2nd - long jump.

Mac Stoudemire - 4th - softball throw.

Terry Caldwell - 1st - free throw, 1st - free throw, 1st - frisbee throw, 2nd - free throw.

James Pugh - 2nd - frisbee throw, 4th - free throw.

Ronnie Stoudemire - 2nd - softball throw, 4th - free throw.

Keith Daniels - 1st - softball throw, 1st - free throw.

Cherry Hill - 2nd - softball throw, 2nd - free throw.

Anthony Smith - 1st - frisbee throw, 4th - free throw.

Janita Hill - 2nd - softball throw.

Randy Deloach - 1st - 50-meter run, 1st - 50-meter run, 1st - 50-meter run.

Linda Burks - 1st - softball throw.

William Maddux - 3rd - 50-meter run.

Johnny Berry - 1st - softball throw, 2nd - 50-meter run.

Mrs. Bandstra's relay team won 2nd place. Relay team members were James Pugh, Andy Berry, Ronnie Stoudemire and Keith Daniels.

The State Olympics will be held Saturday, May 16, at Troy State University, and nine Elba students have been chosen to participate in these games. They are: Daniel Gullion, Bobby Spurlin, Michelle Stoudemire, Elaire Thomas, Jessie Whitfield, Melanie Hall, Shelia Phillips, Terry Caldwell and Randy Deloach.

State games will begin at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend and watch these games.

Dyess To Be Promoted At Agri-Services

Tom Dyess is being promoted to store manager from his current position of salesman at the Gold Kist Agri-Services store at New Brockton.

Tom joined the Gold Kist team in 1975, and since then has served as general manager at the Red Level and Giant facilities, operated a peanut buying point in Covington County, and was salesman at the New Brockton store.

In his new position Tom will be responsible for all aspects of operating a retail store, as well as implementing and controlling policies and procedures while serving patrons' needs.

Tom graduated from Southern Union Junior College with an AA degree in Associated Arts, and attended Troy State and Auburn University. He and his wife, Elizabeth, and daughter, Krista, reside in Elba.

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28 Contestants vying for coveted crown of Miss Elba

By CYNDI MADDOX

Judges will select a new campus beauty from a field of 28 contestants to reign as the 1981-82 Miss Elba during the annual pageant next Tuesday night. The final phase of the competition, which is open to the public, will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The girls, all high school juniors, are judged on their physical appearance, poise, and personal interviews. This year's winner will be crowned by the reigning Miss Elba, Nita Calhoun.

The pageant serves as a preliminary for the National Peanut Festival Queen pageant held in Dothan during the fall.

Competing for the crown are:

Melinda Leigh Bane, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Bane of Route 2, Elba. She is a member of the high school band and plays both the mellophone and French horn. Melinda is active in church work at New Ebenezer Baptist Church where she sings in the church choir and serves as assistant pianist. Her hobbies are riding bikes, roller skating, swimming, and playing the piano.

Seventeen-year-old Amy Bailey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Bailey of Elba. She is a member of the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Junior Music Club, and attends church at Westside Baptist. Amy's special talent is twirling flags and her interests include horseback riding and swimming.

Sixteen-year-old Melissa Faye Brunson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Betty L. Brunson and Bobby D. Brunson. She is a member of FBLA, FHA, and VICA. Melissa attends the Wise Mill Assembly of God. Among her many interests are swimming, horseback riding, dancing, biking, and polishing her secretarial skills.

Sonya Patricia Askew, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Askew. She is a member of the band and FFA, and enjoys dancing, skating, and singing in her spare time.

Crescenda Williams, 17, serves as secretary of the Debutante Society, president of the junior choir at her church, and vice president of a community gospel singing group. Crescenda, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club, Student Council, E Club, French Club, and a varsity cheerleader for two years.

Tammy Fluder, 16, is the daughter of Lester and Lou Ellen Fluder. She is a member of the marching and symphonic bands, Mu Alpha Theta, Prep Bowl, and attends Westside Baptist Church. Tammy was selected as a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students and is the Society of Distinguished American High School Students. Her special interests are playing the piano, photography, roller skating, cooking, and sewing.

Beverly Jean Davis is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Davis. She has been a member of FFA for four years and attends the Elba Church of God. Her talents include

baton twirling, dancing, drawing, and poetry composition.

Seventeen-year-old Bama Gail Donaldson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donaldson. She is a member of FBLA, Youth for Christ, and FFA, and is interested in swimming, roller skating, and dancing.

Lisa Grimes, 18, is a member of FFA and Westside Baptist Church. Her favorite hobby is swimming and she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Grimes of Elba.

Shannon Hargrove, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Hargrove. She has been a member of the band for seven years and a majorette for two years. She is also a member of the Beta Club and Junior Music Club. Her hobbies are twirling and dancing.

Daphne Destrade Lindsey, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huey M. Lindsey. She is active in church work at New Home Baptist Church, the youth choir, church council, and secretary of the Coffee County Youth Association. Her special interests include playing the piano, singing, swimming, and reading.

Tami Mallory, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade C. Mallory. She is a varsity cheerleader, a member of the Beta Club, and junior representative to the

COMPETING FOR CROWN -- Front row, from left, Ginger Wilson, Melinda Bane, Tammy Fluder, Cheryl Crocker and Beverly Daniels; Back Row, from left, Lisa Grimes, Melissa Norman, Bama Donaldson, Selena Hooks, Melissa Martin, Tami Mallory, Delonda Harrelson and Crescenda Williams.



BEHIND THE SCENES -- All the backstage planning and production arrangements for the Miss Elba pageant are being handled by this group of Elba High School seniors. Going over the final plans are, front - from left: Troy Brown, David

Farm wives forming new group

Women Involved in Farm Economic (WIFE) is trying to organize a chapter of the organization in Coffee County. An organizational meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 21 at the Farm Center in New Brockton.

According to Mrs. James Farris of Kinston, who is serving as the local coordinator, the organization is a national association of women formed for the purpose of developing and promoting agriculture in the United States. Mrs. Farris said it is not an auxiliary of any other organization.

Mrs. Sydney Beck, state president of WIFE and a spokeswoman for the national organization, will be the guest speaker at the county meeting. She and her husband operate a farm in Houston County. Mrs. Beck has testified before several government committees in Washington, D.C. on behalf of WIFE and agriculture. She recently went before the Senate and House Agriculture

Committees regarding the peanut program. "WIFE is a non-partisan, non-commercial and positive in nature in pursuing its goals and the group has gained public recognition and respect from elected officials at all levels for being an informed and positive group," said Mrs. Farris.

It believes in the family farm concept for the production of this nation's food, fiber, and strives to preserve that way of life," she added. "I feel we as farm women must become more knowledgeable and involved in promoting our industry. Women have the ability and talent, and because ours is a family business, we should be involved. Women also have the time when so often our husbands do not."

All women who are interested in agriculture--farm wives, landowners, businesswomen--are invited to attend. For more information about the group, contact Mrs. Farris at 897-6524.



MISS ELBA CONTESTANTS -- From left are Janiece Moultrie, Donna Haley, Pam Williams, Kim Parrish, Beverly Boutwell, Fleming Kendrick, Amy Bailey, Shannon

FHA, the youth choir, and Aetecns. Her hobbies include dancing, cooking, and playing softball.

Seventeen-year-old Fleming Kendrick is a member of the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Junior Music Club, and attends Westside Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Doug Kendrick and her hobbies are horseback riding, swimming, and skiing.

Cydra Johnson, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson. She is a member of Aetecns and horseback riding, and dancing.

Beth Johnston is the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Johnston. She attends First Baptist Church of Elba and is a member of

Student Council. Her hobbies include swimming, roller skating, playing the trumpet, and lifeguard activities.

Vonda Marler, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Marler. She plays the flute in the band and is head majorette. Vonda is also active in the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Junior Music Club, Youth for Christ, and youth choir at the First Baptist Church. She is interested in studying dance, playing the piano and flute, and twirling the baton.

Melissa Martin is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Martin. She is a Girl Scout, member of the Junior Music Club, vice president of the Methodist Youth, and a member of the First United Methodist youth choir. Melissa is also involved in the Student Council, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and is a member of the Marching Tigers flag corps.

Seventeen-year-old Janet

Hospital Report

Persons admitted to Elba General Hospital during the period of May 5 - 11 include the following:

Bobbie Nelson, Theodore Reynolds, Joyce Thomas, Pearl Cook, Lucille Boswell, Brenda Sanders, Ora Kelley, Vince Hudson, Steven Petty, Michael Holderfield, Carol Wilson, Ralph Herring, Lucille Griffiths, Leslie Polston, Grady Harper, Julia Moore, Grover Kelley, Thelma Parrish, Clyde Mitchell, Laura Edwards, William Parrish, Niki Sauls, Charlotte Blackmon, H.H. Culver, Syble Hutto, Derek Young, Jim Carr, Maudie Martin, Fannie Farmer, Malindie Hall, Charles Cole, J.D. Snow, Curtis Hodges.

Those discharged during the same period of time include:

Kime Wayne Mitchell, Elsie Boyce, Eldridge Grimes, James Young, Sara Richards, Michael Holderfield, Clevis Ammons, Vince Hudson, Charles Smith, Kermit Granberry, Claudette Blevins, William Parrish, Theodore Reynolds, Steven Petty, Brenda Sanders, Myrtle Donaldson, Leslie Polston, Lucille Boswell, Bobbie Nelson, Carol Wilson, Wayne Harrison, Joyce Thomas, James Danford, Julia Moore, Laura Edwards, Harper Grant, Niki Sauls.

Sue McCarter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dawkins. She attends the First Baptist Church and her hobbies include dancing, bowling, skiing, and cooking. After graduation she plans to attend MacArthur Technical School.

Janiece Fayette Moultrie, 17, is the daughter of Mrs. Colene Bandy. She is a member of the church choir and is interested in reading, writing poetry, and dancing.

Melissa Norman, 17, is a member of the color guard, Beta Club, Junior Music Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and FFA. The daughter of Mrs. Marilla Bailey, she attends First Baptist Church and is talented in music and art.

Kimela Rena Parrish, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Parrish. She has been in the band for seven years and a majorette for two. She is also a member of the Junior Music Club, Beta Club, and Westside Baptist Church. Her hobbies include twirling and dancing.

PARTICIPATING IN PAGEANT -- From left, Faye Brunson, Daphne Lindsey, Janet McCarter, Angela Boswell, Sonya Askew, Beverly Davis, Florence Barnes, Beth Johnston, Cydra Johnson and Becky Smart.

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Four Soldiers Killed In Copter Crash

The crash of a single Army helicopter Monday morning shortly after 8 a.m. claimed the lives of all four occupants. The UH-1 Huey was on a routine training mission about seven miles south of Brantley when the crash and explosion occurred.

Witnesses who were driving on the highway less than 100 yards from the

crash site rushed into the pine thicket to assist any possible survivors, but the flames and imminent explosion backed them away. Bill McClain, of Evergreen, was driving with his wife and two children, and was followed closely by a work truck and three loggers working with him nearby. He reported seeing one flyer attempting to get out but the explosion ignited the entire plane in

seconds and killed any possible survivors. McClain said the copter appeared to be unusually low and circling back toward a peanut field across the road but didn't make it. While he and his three employees attempted to get near the crash and make rescue attempts, his wife drove to the nearest telephone to

report the crash. Herb Strickland, of the Ft. Rucker Public Information Office, listed the victims as CW-2 Stanley R. Menze, age 39, of Nebraska, instructor pilot; 1st Lt. Frederick Earl Berkhan, age 24, of Ellenwood, Georgia; 1st Lt. Franklin Penn, age 27, of Elmhurst, N.Y.; and 2nd Lt. James Alfred Fitz, age 24, of Riverdale, MD.

The explosion and fire were so intense that military crash investigation teams recovered only three charred bodies. The fourth was not fully recoverable, according to military officials.

Strickland said, "It is a messy one with bits of wreckage scattered some distance from the main impact area." He said it might take a long time to determine the cause of the crash, "if ever."



SMOLDERING pieces are all that remain of a U.S. Army Huey helicopter, Monday morning as aviation investigators begin sifting through the wreckage for evidence of what caused the crash. At far left is Jack Persch of the Aviation Safety Board at Ft. Rucker and James Bush, assistant fire chief on the Army base. Bush is a resident of Elba.



EYE WITNESS REPORT—Bill McClain, right, tells Public Information Officer Herb Strickland what he saw just before and after the Army helicopter crashed and killed the four occupants. Taking notes is Ron Culbreth, center, of the Andalusia Star News.

Pre-Dawn Blaze Destroys Victoria Home

Fire completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Simmons of the Victoria community during pre-dawn hours Monday.

The couple managed to rescue their four young children from the blaze without any injuries, but were unable to save any clothing or household items. Volunteers from the Five Star Fire Department received the call at 4:20 but when they arrived approximately seven minutes later, the frame house was engulfed in flames.

Mrs. Simmons told neighbors she woke up with a toothache and started to the kitchen to get some medicine. But when she opened the kitchen door, the flames met her.

The Brundidge Fire Department also assisted Five Star volunteers in battling the blaze and preventing it from spreading to a nearby grocery store.

Elba City Council Plans \$40,000 Street Project

The Elba City Council met Monday evening and heard reports from the police department on court cases, city engineer in proposed road resurfacing, the mayor on the city's financial status; and a list of complaints from Mrs. Marilyn Mills.

Other business included a report that the case of an inoperable street sweeper can possibly be settled by bidding on a new machine and requiring the old machine to be taken on a trade-in basis. Otherwise, Mayor Bob English told the councilmen, the case could stay in court for several years.

English also appointed council members to make recommendations for persons to fill expired board positions. Councilman Cleo Hawkins and John Sharpless will recommend a school board appointment for the seat now held by Fred Clark. Sonny Inman will make a recommendation for a planning and zoning board seat held by Lt. Wade; Charles Kennett and David Stokes will recommend two persons to the mental health board for Jake Bonneau's and Dr. John Kimney's positions.

City Engineer Jim Williams presented the council with a list of city streets which need resurfacing. State funds earmarked by law for resurfacing and repairs now total approximately \$40,000 for the city. Williams recommended Buford, Oak, and Ash Streets, Ash, Brookdale, and Pine Circles, and Forrest, for an estimated \$29,623. He added Seminole and Cherokee Streets to the list at approximately \$8,000 each and noted that Flourney Drive needs work badly, but the mayor did not

agree. Williams said English disagreed because of possible criticism that he lives on that street.

Williams said if the council could add a few thousand dollars to the proposed \$40,000, he could get a lot of extra street work finished. Several councilmen stated that Flourney Drive should not be left off the list simply because the mayor lives there, if the street needs repairs.

English reported the March sales tax had increased over previous months to \$32,000. He also noted that present trends indicated the city will end the year with a \$35,000 surplus despite the drastic cut in federal funds.

Mrs. Mills complained about the dog catcher not enforcing the leash law, the city not paving the section of Plant Avenue she lives on, speed limits on Guyton, weed killer on the levee, and asked for a \$534 reimbursement from the city for materials used to build a fence for her dog.

English told her the law limited use of the available money for repair work; the dog law is being enforced; refused to consider paying for her fence; cited limited funds for not killing the weeds on the levee; and asked Police Chief Ray Norris to give her an update on speed limit signs on Guyton Street.

Norris said new signs have been ordered and the law will be strictly enforced in the 25-mile-an-hour zone. On at least two occasions when Mrs. Mills disagreed with answers given by city officials, English stated that he wasn't going to argue the matter with her. He offered to discuss a matter with her in his office later. She promised to return to the next meeting, but expressed doubts it would do any good.

Pam Williams Is Crowned Miss Elba



Miss Elba, Pam Williams, center, flanked by Vonda Marler, left, 1st alternate; and Kimala Parrish, 2nd alternate

Pam Williams, a 17-year-old blonde, was crowned Miss Elba during pageant festivities Tuesday night. As the reigning beauty queen, Miss Williams will represent the city at various functions and events, including the National Peanut Festival Queen pageant to be held in Dothan next fall.

First runner-up in the competition was Vonda Marler and Kimala Parrish was the judges' selection as second runner-up to the crown.

Miss Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Williams. She is a member of the Beta Club, VICA, Junior Music Lovers Club and was recently named to Who's Who Among American High School students. She is also a varsity cheerleader.

Both of the runners-up are members of the band and majorettes. Miss Marler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Marler and Miss Parrish's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Parrish.

The contestants selected Lisa Grimes as Miss Congeniality.



Lisa Grimes - Miss Congeniality

Pritchett Gets \$25,000 From County

The Coffee County Commission has been ordered to pay \$25,000 to a local teenager in connection with a 1979 accident.

Mike Pritchett was awarded the sum for damages which resulted from an accident he was involved in with a piece of county equipment. After one hour's deliberation, a circuit court jury in Elba ruled in the boy's favor last week.

The accident occurred when a county front-end loader was backing across the highway and collided with an automobile driven by Pritchett, then 16 years old. The original lawsuit sought \$200,000.

The county commission also has a new county engineer to replace Bill McClain who resigned the position earlier this month.

Charles G. Bowden of Route 2, Samson has assumed the engineering duties for the county. He has previously worked with the Geneva County Commission, as a civil engineer, drainage engineer, farmer, and owner of an Enterprise based engineering and land surveying company.

Graduation Exercises Scheduled

Area graduation ceremonies begin Thursday night at county junior high schools and end on May 29 with Elba High School graduation.

According to County Superintendent Johnny Vaughan, commencement exercises will start at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Goodman Junior High School for the ninth graders. All the seniors attending Coffee County schools will receive their diplomas tomorrow night.

Kinston and New Brockton's ceremonies are set at 7:30 p.m., while Zion Chapel's start at 8 p.m.

Elba High School's 91 seniors will have their baccalaureate services Sunday, May 24, in the high school auditorium. Rev. John Carmichael, pastor of Elba United Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon at 8 p.m. Special music will be presented by the senior chorus under the direction of Steve Thompson.

Graduation will start at 8 p.m. in Tiger Stadium.